(c) Production of diesel from non-crude oil sources is at present in the research and development stage.

Running tubewells by wind energy

†646. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any blueprint to run tubewells by the wind energy so that the consumption of diesel could be brought down;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance being provided to Uttar Pradesh by Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) The Government has been implementing a scheme on "Small Wind Energy and Hybrid Systems", to promote installation of water pumping wind mills at suitable locations. The scheme provides for Central Financial Assistance up to Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 80,000, depending upon the ype of wind mills. The programme is implemented through the State nodal agencies.

(c) No proposal has been received so far from Uttar Pradesh for availing financial support under the scheme.

Increase in wind power capacity

647. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the measures Government are initiating to increase the wind power capacity in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal for setting up of off-shore wind farms along the coast line;

(c) if so, in which States the coastal wind farms will be set up;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.